

## PEDRO JOSE ARRECOECHEA

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Mr. BUCK, from the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 556]

The Committee on Immigration, to whom was referred S. 556, for the relief of Pedro Jose Arrecoechea, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

## PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the cancelation of deportation proceedings against Pedro Jose Arrecoechea, and would provide that he shall be deemed to have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date on which he actually entered the United States.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

There were presented for consideration by the committee the views of the Attorney General concerning this case, the same being embodied in letter dated May 10, 1943, and being as follows:

HON. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,  
*Chairman, Committee on Immigration,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of this Department relative to a bill (S. 556) for the relief of Pedro Jose Arrecoechea.

The bill under consideration would authorize the cancelation of deportation proceedings against Pedro Jose Arrecoechea and would provide that he shall be deemed to have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date on which he actually entered the United States.

It appears from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department that Mr. Arrecoechea, who is approximately 39 years of age, is a native and citizen of Spain of the Basque race. He entered the United States at the port of Tampa, Fla., on September 7, 1924, as a seaman, and subsequently deserted. He has remained in this country continuously since that time. Deportation proceedings were instituted against him on September 10, 1940, on the ground that he had remained in the United States for a longer time than per-

mitted by law, and on September 30 he was instructed to leave the country. He is unmarried and has no dependents. He at present resides at Shoshone, Idaho, where he is employed as a shepherd.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclose no information which is adverse to Mr. Arrecoechea.

Whether or not the bill should be enacted involves a question of legislative policy, concerning which I prefer not to make any suggestions.

I have been informed by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS BIDDLE, *Attorney General.*

The committee, after considering the evidence presented, recommend that the bill (S. 556) be favorably reported to the Senate and that the bill do pass.

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